



State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** OCTOBER 18, 2002, IS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT; AND
- WHEREAS,** BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE MOVED FORWARD TOWARD THE GOAL OF PROVIDING FISHABLE AND SWIMMABLE WATER FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS RESOLVE TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THIS STATE AND NATION THROUGH ENACTMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY STATUTES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA HAS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER QUALITY WHILE SUSTAINING OUR SOIL RESOURCES THROUGH THE 2000 WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CITIZENS TO PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA'S FARMERS AND LANDUSERS HAVE A STRONG HISTORY OF VOLUNTARILY IMPLEMENTING MEASURES ON THE LAND AND ARE EAGER TO EMBRACE NEW METHODS OF PROTECTING OUR LAND AND WATER RESOURCES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA'S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS STAND POISED TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 14 – 20, 2002, AS

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

IN IOWA AND CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT STATE AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER TIME, TALENT, AND LEADERSHIP TO PROTECTING OUR PREVIOUS SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 30TH OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWO.


THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

by J. Klaassen, Deputy